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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

This case has been carefully reviewed and analyzed in view of the Office Action dated 23 September 2005. Responsive to that Office Action, Claims 1-2, 8, and 14 have been amended for further prosecution with the other pending claims. It is believed that with such amendment of claims, there is a further clarification of their recitations.

In the Office Action, the Examiner rejected Claims 1 – 7 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which Applicant regards as the invention. Presumably, the Examiner intended to include Claim 8 in this rejection, as the Examiner specifically notes certain language from Claim 8 to be among the points of informality requiring clarification. The Examiner set forth no other grounds for rejection, but did indicate that Claims 2 – 7 and 10 – 19 would be allowable if rewritten to overcome the 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, rejection, and to include all of the limitations of the base and any intervening claims.

Each of the Claims 1, 2, and 8 has now been amended to address the specific points of clarification raised by the Examiner as to those claims. It is believed that such amendments now obviate the Examiner's formal concerns under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph.

In addition, Claim 14 has been amended to independent form, incorporating therein the subject matter of base Claim 1 from which it had depended. The

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incorporated subject matter reflects the formal correction incorporated into Claim 1 to address the Examiner's 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph concerns.

It is now believed, therefore, that the pending Claims 1 – 19 are now in allowable form. Accordingly, it is believed that the subject Patent Application has been placed fully in condition for allowance, and such action is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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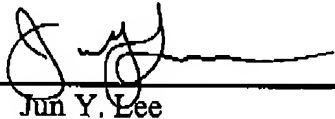
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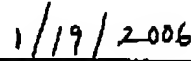
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